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Chairman Mr. Effah-Apenteng (Ghana)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

Election of the Chairman for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly

1. **The Chairman** recalled that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, a number of changes had been made to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and that rule 99 now called for all the Main Committees to elect a Chairman at least three months before the opening of the session. However, paragraph 3 of that resolution made specific provision for the fifty-seventh session, for which the Chairmen of the Main Committees were to be elected as early as possible.

2. Mr. Sharma (Nepal) had been nominated for election to the office of Chairman for the fifty-seventh session. In the absence of further nominations and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, he would take it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Sharma (Nepal) Chairman.

3. *Mr. Sharma (Nepal) was elected Chairman by acclamation.*

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.